



Focusing on the 3 E's: Education, Environment, Envirothon!



Local Students Vie for Provincial Top Spot

(St. George, ON) May 4, 2011 – From May 4-7, 2011 high school students representing regions from across Ontario will be showcasing their environmental smarts at the 2011 provincial Envirothon competition. The winning team will proudly advance to the Canon Envirothon Championships taking place in Sackville, New Brunswick from July 24 to 29, 2011.

The annual provincial competition reaches over 10,000 Ontario students each year, and is part of a broader environment education program encouraging students to get outdoors and experience nature first hand. In addition to raising awareness about the needs of Ontario's forests, Envirothon encourages critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills among participants.

Find out:

- **Who moves on:** The winning team advances to represent Ontario at the Canon Envirothon Championships running July 24 to 29, 2011 in Sackville, New Brunswick
- **What it takes:** Media is invited to participate in these challenges and experience firsthand what it takes to get to the top

Who: Students from the following local schools scheduled to compete:

- West Hill Secondary School, Owen Sound, ON
- North Dundas District High School, Chesterville, ON
- Pauline Johnson Collegiate, Brantford, ON
- Banting Memorial High School, Barrie, ON
- Pickering High School, Ajax, ON
- University of Toronto Schools, Toronto, ON
- Lakeshore Catholic Highschool, Port Colborne, ON
- FJ McElligott Secondary School, Mattawa, ON
- Sir Winston Churchill CVI, Thunder Bay, ON
- Timmins High & Vocational School, Timmins, ON
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Russel, ON
- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, Hamilton, ON
- Dryden High School, Dryden, ON
- General Panel High School, Petawawa, ON
- South Huron District High School, Exeter, ON
- Saunders Secondary School, London, ON
- Marymount Academy, Sudbury, ON
- Central Peel SS, Brampton, ON
- Superior Heights C & VS, Sault St Marie, ON
- Smith Falls District High School, Smith Falls, ON

When: May 4-7, 2011 – Complete schedule of events available on request

Best opportunity for media interviews:

May 5, 2011 – Legacy Project

- 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

May 6, 2011 – Field Testing

- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where:

May 5, 2011

Princess Point
335 Longwood Road North
Hamilton, ON

May 6, 2011

Brant Conservation Area
R.R #4 Jennings Road
Brantford, Ontario

Ontario Envirothon is a program of the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA), a non-profit, registered charity dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of Ontario's forests, and to developing stewardship of forest ecosystems. Visit www.oforest.ca for more information. For more information on the Ontario Envirothon, visit www.ontarioenvirothon.ca

Additional information, photo and interview opportunities with participating students and the winning team are available upon request:

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